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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair David Howard, on March 18, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. David Howard, Chairman (R)
Rep. Liz Bangerter (R)
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Timothy Furey (D)
Rep. Chuck Hunter (D)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Joe Read (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Pat Noonan, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Cary Smith, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Ellie Boldman Hill (D)
Rep. Dan Kennedy (R)
Rep. Michael (Mike) More (R)
Rep. Dan Skattum (R)
Rep. Max Yates (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Miranda Keaster, Committee Secretary
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 366, 3/9/2011; SB 370, 3/9/2011

00:00:49 Chairman Howard

HEARING ON SB 370

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:04 Sen. Jason Priest (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SB 370, Require cost-benefit analysis of mandated health insurance coverage of service.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:32 Rep. Skattum entered.
00:03:34 Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce
00:05:47 Rep. Hill entered.
00:06:08 Rep. Yates entered.
00:06:39 Susan Witte, Allegiance Life and Health Insurance
00:06:59 Rep. Noonan entered.
00:07:36 Frank Cote, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

00:08:26 Don Judge, Montana Nurses Association
00:13:03 Rep. Pease-Lopez exited.
00:14:56 Russ Hill, Administrator, Health Care and Benefits Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
00:15:19 Rep. More entered.

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:20:53 Rep. Noonan
00:21:15 Susan Witte
00:21:25 Rep. Noonan
00:21:46 Susan Witte
00:22:17 Rep. Noonan
00:23:17 Susan Witte
00:23:34 Rep. Noonan
00:23:49 Sen. Priest
00:24:23 Rep. Noonan
00:24:57 Sen. Priest

Closing by Sponsor:

00:25:15 Sen. Priest

HEARING ON SB 366

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:27:09 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 366, Generally revise welfare laws.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:29:50 Hank Hudson, DPHHS

00:32:07 Rep. Smith entered.

00:33:00 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

00:38:10 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:40:18 Sen. Vincent

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 00:42:47

Miranda Keaster, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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